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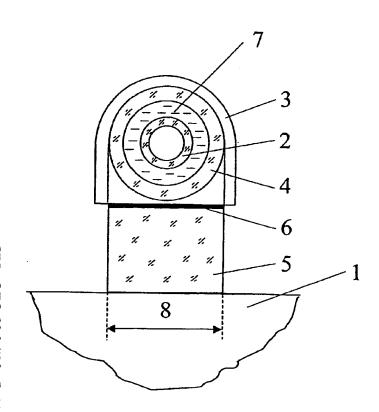
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(57) Abstract: This invention relates to apparatus for using a lamp for treatment of a patient's skin, which lamp is more efficient then prior such devices and to methods of using lamps for various skin treatments. The apparatus improves efficiency by minimizing photon leakage and by other enhancements. The invention also includes various enhancements to waveguides used for optical treatment on a patient's skin.

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